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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

Supreme Court Cause No. DA 09-0578

HERMAN GONZALES, FAWN LYONS,
 KEN LAUDATO, LAWRENCE WALKER,
 GARY MANSIKKA, GARY GALETTI,
 GREG WHITING, MARVIN KRONE,
 RICHARD BLACK, JIM KELLY, CHRIS
 SOUSLEY, and All Other Similarly
 Situated,

Plaintiffs and Appellees,

vs.

MONTANA POWER COMPANY;
 NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, a
 Delaware Corporation; NORTHWESTERN
 CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation,
 as a Reorganized Debtor, Subsequent to Its
 Plan Confirmation, Hereinafter Referred
 to as NOR; NORTHWESTERN
 CORPORATION d/b/a NORTHWESTERN
 ENERGY; PUTNAM AND
 ASSOCIATES, INC., a Montana
 Corporation; JOHN DOES II AND III; and
 JOHN DOES IV THRU XX,

Defendants and Appellants.

**STATUS REPORT OF
 MONTANA POWER
 COMPANY**

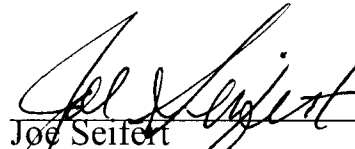
On May 5, 2010, the Court issued its order directing that "counsel for all parties shall file Status Reports within ten days of the date of this Order."

The Court has been receiving status reports from all parties *other than* the Montana Power Company, which has not been involved in the ongoing appellate

mediation and related settlement discussions. Plaintiffs and the Montana Power Company have completed the briefing on the issues raised by MPC on appeal, the appeal has been classified, and the parties are awaiting the Court's decision.

DATED this 10th day of May, 2010.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Joe Seifert, one of the attorneys for the Defendant, Montana Power Company, above-identified, hereby certify that I served a copy of the within **STATUS REPORT OF MONTANA POWER COMPANY**, by depositing the same in the United States mails, at Helena, Montana, postage fully prepaid by first class mail, directed to:

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